

Montana School Oral Health Screening 2009 – 2010 School Year

Child's Name

School Name

Dear Parent/Legal Guardian,







Your child participated in the 2009-2010 Montana Oral Health Screening. Your child's entire mouth was examined and we want you to know the following:

- ☐ **URGENT** dental care is needed. Your child needs to see a dentist as soon as possible for a thorough exam and treatment. Please call your dentist right away.
- ☐ **EARLY** dental care is needed. There are areas of concern that a full dental examination would more clearly identify. Please call your dentist to schedule a dental visit for your child.
- ☐ **NO** obvious problems. No obvious cavities were seen. Remember that this screening was not a complete exam with x-ray films, and it does not take the place of a dental exam. Your child should visit a dentist regularly.

Comments: _____

Thank you for participating in the Montana Oral Health School screening during 2009-2010 school year. If you have questions or need contact information for a dental professional in your area, please call Veronica Newhart at (406) 444-0276 or by e-mail at vnewhart@mt.gov

DENTAL REMINDERS

-  A child should have a dental checkup by age one.
-  Teeth should last a lifetime! Have your child clean his/her teeth every day at home, visit your dentist regularly, and avoid frequent sugary snacks and soft drinks.
-  Your child should have a complete checkup regularly by a dentist to help prevent cavities and avoid pain and infection.
-  As young children tend to swallow some toothpaste, the appropriate amount of toothpaste is a "pea" or "salmon-egg" size drop of toothpaste.
-  Flossing daily helps prevent cavities and gum disease.
-  Teeth can be damaged or even knocked out during many sport activities. Protect your child's teeth when he/she plays sports by having the child wear a mouth-guard that has been made for him/her.